

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2008**

The Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Daly, Vice-President Hall, Councilpersons Alyanakian, Williamson, Derrickson, Simpson and Cunningham. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Treasurer Deitch, Solicitor Ewald and Engineer Walton.

President Daly called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the salute to the flag.

President Daly mentioned that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting in order to discuss a real estate matter.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Councilman Alyanakian made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 20, 2008 Council meeting. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Fair Trade Committee Presentation**

Tom Hibberd, Fair Trade Committee member, announced a presentation will follow regarding the status of Fair Trade within the Borough. Richard Hoffman showed a video regarding Fair Trade and mentioned that the video will be used as an educational piece. Stephanie Gaboriault, Fair Trade Committee member, discussed the committee's commitment to ongoing education about these products and encouraged businesses and institutions to use and sell Fair Trade Certified products whenever possible for the well being of producers, consumers and the planet. Ms. Gaboriault also encouraged everyone to buy Fair Trade products as it makes a difference in peoples lives. "Fair Trade" is an innovative, market economy system that promotes fair labor practices and healthy, safe work environments through the production of food and other goods. Ms. Gaboriault reported on a recent visit to the International Fair Trade Conference in Brussels, Belgium and a visit to the Borough's Fair Trade sister city in Garstang, England. It was noted that there will be a World Fair Trade Day in July and Fair Trade Live Concert in September. Mia Mendoza discussed the particulars of the Fair Trade Live Concert.

**Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor**

Michael Jordan, 620 N. Monroe Street, distributed an example of a yield to pedestrian sign that he would like Council to consider along Baltimore Avenue and Monroe Street. Engineer Walton will look into this type of signage and report back at a later date.

Letitia Jeavons, 216 N. Monroe Street, inquired if the political visitors to Media will be made aware of Fair Trade during the upcoming election.

## **Engineer's Report**

Councilman Cunningham inquired about sinking brick work at State Street intersections. Engineer Walton mentioned that some of this is due to normal settlement and in other areas it is due to problems other than settlement. Engineer Walton will review with the Public Works Director and report back at a later date.

Councilman Cunningham thanked the Engineer for a copy of the Streetscape diagrams with regard to parking configurations. Councilman Cunningham believes parking spaces are too close to the corners along intersections and mentioned that the original plan depicts these spaces blocked out. Engineer Walton noted that this issue is being addressed on a gradual basis.

Councilman Cunningham thanked the Engineer for changing the street light cycle at Monroe and State Streets, as it seems to be helping with vehicular traffic congestion.

## **Mayor's Report** – Mayor McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported the Police Department received and investigated 849 complaints during the month of March. There was one (1) reported attempted burglary.

Mayor McMahon read Proclamation #2008-03 recognizing April 14-18, 2008 as Local Government Week within the Borough of Media.

Mayor McMahon read Proclamation #2008-04 recognizing Friday, April 25, 2008 as Arbor Day within the Borough of Media. Borough Manager Smith noted that a location for tree planting on April 25, 2008 has not been chosen as of yet. Information will be posted on the website and cable channel when it becomes available.

Mayor McMahon read Proclamation #2008-05 recognizing May 4-10, 2008 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week within the Borough of Media.

Mayor McMahon announced that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Robert Dimond is coordinating this event.

## **Council Committee Reports**

### **Shade Tree Commission & Historic Preservation** – Mr. Cunningham

Councilman Cunningham made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1044, repealing previous amendments to the Historical Code, as anything after Ordinance No. 638-B was not ratified by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Cunningham made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 638-B, which will clarify requirements of issuing a building permit within a Historical District. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Cunningham made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise a Historical Overlay Ordinance. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Cunningham explained that this ordinance will identify approximately 180 historic structures that are outside of the historic districts and also identify a special process in order to obtain a demolition permit giving property owners options for future uses. Councilwoman Simpson inquired if this ordinance would allow a structure within a residential district to become a commercial use. Councilman Cunningham noted that Council will need to decide which options to place within the ordinance but that Council may want to restrict the owners so that they are required to stay within the character of the neighborhood. It was determined that the approximately 180 structures are identified within the Delaware County Planning Commission's 1990 survey.

Councilman Cunningham mentioned the resignation of Toni Lee Cavanagh DiMonte from the Historic Archives Commission (term expires December 31, 2009). Resumes and letters of interest should be forwarded to Borough Manager Smith for consideration.

**Recreation, Technology & Media Business Authority** – Mrs. Simpson

Councilwoman Simpson announced the following for the Recreation Board:

- Tennis lessons will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June. Tuesdays are for beginners and Thursdays for intermediate. Cost is \$50 for Borough residents and \$55 for non-borough residents.
- The Home Run Derby will take place on Saturday, June 7, 2008, 1:30 p.m. at Barrall Field.
- Summer camp registration is underway.
- A bus trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania will be held on Friday, June 13, 2008. Cost is \$46.
- A family movie night will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2008. The movie is yet to be determined. This event is free.
- The 5 Mile Race will be held on Friday, June 20, 2008. Registrations are accepted online. Volunteers are needed.
- Please contact the Recreation Office at 610-566-5210, ext. 255, for more information on any of the above referenced events.

Councilwoman Simpson reported the following for the Media Business Authority:

- Chris Pavlou has tendered his resignation from the Media Business Authority (term expires December 31, 2008).
- A direct mailer promotion will be sent out soon and will feature a discount card at the bottom for use at various businesses within the Borough.

Councilman Alyanakian inquired about the status of hiring a Summer Camp Director. Councilman Simpson mentioned that interviews have taken place and there are two (2) finalists.

Councilman Alyanakian inquired about the summer camp registration numbers. Councilwoman Simpson noted that last year there were approximately 103 registered campers and that sign-ups are light thus far possibly due to the fact that there hasn't been much publicity as of yet because a director has not been hired.

Councilman Alyanakian inquired if the Media Business Authority hired an assistant as of yet. Councilwoman Simpson responded that an assistant has been hired.

Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the entranceway to the Philip Green Park is overgrown and inquired if this will be addressed. Councilwoman Simpson mentioned that the Highway Department did clear this out somewhat, but that this is difficult to address considering it is a steep slope. Councilwoman Simpson noted that the Borough is in receipt of a PECO Green grant in the amount of \$10,000 to address planting options, etc. at Philip Green and Houtman Parks. A survey will be distributed along with the newsletter in order to determine residents' current uses of and access to the parks, interest in improved recreational opportunities, and willingness to fund or pay for increased or improved facilities and access to the Parks.

Councilman Cunningham inquired about water fountains at Barrall Park. Councilman Alyanakian noted that these were removed previously due to vandalism.

**Code Enforcement, Health, Environment Advisory Council, Media Arts Council, Streetscape, Lighting & Litter Task Force** – Mr. Hall

Vice-President Hall made a motion to untable Ordinance No. 1033 pertaining to a Hotel/Motel Ordinance. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian casting the dissenting votes.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1033 pertaining to a Hotel/Motel Ordinance. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. Vice-President Hall mentioned that the current long-term residents will be grandfathered into this ordinance. Councilman Alyanakian mentioned his displeasure with the ordinance. Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that the original intention of the ordinance was to make the space safer for residents by enlarging the rooms and he does not believe this has been accomplished. President Daly noted that this will be a transitional period. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that he does not believe this ordinance addresses public safety, health or welfare issues. The motion carried 5-2 with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian casting the dissenting votes.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1045 pertaining to amendments to the Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance Ordinance, which address minor language changes to reflect "public right-of-way." Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall announced the following for the Environmental Advisory Council:

- Earth Day will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 (same as Election Day). Vice-President Hall encourages property owners to spruce up their properties on that day.
- Vice-President Hall announced a Chester Creek clean up to be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008. More information can be obtained from [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org).
- On Earth Day, approximately 50 Penncrest High School students will participate in a clean-up of the Borough streets from 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- 62 more subscribers are needed for Smart Power. Please see the inside cover of the spring newsletter for further information.

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned a Glen Providence Park clean up is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 2008 and suggested Vice-President Hall attempt to coordinate volunteers for this event.

**Properties, Personnel, Finance & Insurance** – Mr. Daly

Treasurer Deitch read the finance report. The Finance Committee reported checks drawn on the Central Disbursement account for the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 288,291.89
Recreation Fund	\$ 5,431.87
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 7,484.26
Capital Fund	\$ <u>1,202.50</u>
Total	\$ 302,410.52

President Daly motioned that bills be paid when properly approved for all funds. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Daly made a motion to approve the ratification of insurance renewal for property/casualty liability through Brokerage Professionals. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Daly noted that this year's renewal is approximately \$97,000, which is less than last year.

President Daly deferred to Councilman Cunningham for a Strategic Finance Committee update since he was not in attendance at the last meeting. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the committee is still in the process of putting together an overall plan by looking at all revenue and expenses. Treasurer Deitch added the committee is also reviewing the process of how capital requests are made in order to improve accountability.

President Daly mentioned that at the end of the meeting this evening, Council will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter.

President Daly recognized the fact that with a surge of individuals registering to vote in the upcoming presidential election, there are more registered Democrats than Republicans for the first time in Borough history.

## **Community Development** – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise amendments to the Zoning Code pertaining to Change of Use Group Applications. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Alyanakian noted that these amendments are long overdue.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance to abandon Worrall Street, which is the alley behind 306 E. Baltimore Avenue and the subject of a major development application. Engineer Walton suggested amending the motion of the abandonment with the utility easement. Councilman Cunningham seconded the motion and noted that he believes this is a better development plan. The motion carried 4-2, with President Daly and Vice-President Hall casting the dissenting votes and Councilman Alyanakian abstaining.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the Minor Land Development Application for 1 W. Front Street. This use-by-right plan will allow for two (2) apartments above Bill Battey's. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson mentioned the Zoning Hearing Board Application for 16 W. Fourth Street, which is an addition to a twin home. Councilman Williamson mentioned that the Planning Commission recommends that Borough Council not oppose this application and he concurs with their recommendation. Councilman Alyanakian made a motion to oppose this Zoning Hearing Board Application. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Councilman Williamson mentioned the resignation of Larry Morroni from the Planning Commission (term expires December 31, 2009). Councilman Williamson noted that he will not seek volunteers at this point in time since he would like an opportunity to discuss this with the commission. The Planning Commission increased the number of members a few years ago and Councilman Williamson would like to discuss whether or not to adjust the members back to seven (7).

Councilman Cunningham mentioned that he has two (2) recommendations of amendments to the Zoning Code in which he would like the Community Development Committee to review. Councilman Williamson noted this request.

## **Highway, Recycling, Emergency Management & Police Committee** – Mr. Derrickson

Councilman Derrickson mentioned Police Department commendations for Patrolmen Longbottom, Bellucci, Nolan and Brown. The entire department also received a fine commendation letter from Nativity B.V.M.

Councilman Derrickson encouraged anyone who notices loitering, vandalism, etc. on the Media Elementary School playground after hours should contact the police.

Councilman Derrickson noted that the Americana Roots Ramble went well. Councilman Cunningham inquired if foot patrol was present during the event. Councilman Derrickson mentioned that the police generally perform foot patrol during most events.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to approve the Mass Gathering Permit Application for the Town Talk Newspapers' Art Exhibition and Craft Fair on June 1, 2008. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to approve the Mass Gathering Permit Application and waive the fee for the Animal Coalition of Delaware County's second annual event on June 28, 2008. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Alyanakian suggested that recurring mass gathering applications not come before Council and that only new applications should be reviewed by Council. Councilman Derrickson will review the suggestion with the Public Safety Committee and report back to Council on the changes as Councilman Alyanakian outlined.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2008-03 with regard to an \$8,000 application for County Aid. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Williamson casting the dissenting votes. Councilman Cunningham mentioned his belief that this amount is too low and would like to see Council apply for more funds. Borough Manager Smith mentioned that the Borough has attempted to apply for approximately \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to cover street maintenance. Engineer Walton mentioned that the distribution of liquid fuels funding is based on a few criteria, including population. Engineer Walton also mentioned that there are discretionary funds available and the Borough has received them previously and suggested that Council speak with Delaware County Council on this matter. Councilman Derrickson inquired about the deadline to apply. Borough Manager Smith noted that historically it has been completed during the month of April. Councilman Derrickson noted that Council will request additional funds next year and will call the County in an effort to establish a relationship regarding this matter.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to allow the Mayor to exercise his police powers by implementing the Public Safety Committee recommendation of parking restrictions along W. Jefferson Street, Plum to Olive Streets, from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Alyanakian casting the dissenting vote. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that he does not believe this should be implemented because an area is either deemed residential parking or not and that restrictions make it confusing. Councilman Williamson mentioned that the Public Safety Committee is recommending this as a temporary fix to a problem with parking due to individuals riding the train and that something similar has been implemented one (1) block away.

Councilman Derrickson reminded everyone to use the crosswalk at Third and Monroe Streets when using the Tot Lot at the Municipal Center.

Councilman Derrickson noted that the next household hazardous waste pick-up will be on Saturday, April 26, 2008. Please visit the website for further information.

Councilman Cunningham inquired about the status of applying for a reduced speed limit along Providence Road. Councilman Derrickson mentioned that the Public Safety Committee is researching this matter.

Councilman Cunningham inquired about the status of a stop sign request at Third and Lemon Streets. Councilman Derrickson reported that the Public Safety Committee will discuss this matter.

Councilman Cunningham mentioned vehicular visibility concerns at the intersection of Front Street and Manchester Avenue due to parked vehicles. Councilman Derrickson noted that this matter was discussed previously due to a large vehicle parking in the vicinity of this intersection and causing the visibility problem. Councilman Derrickson will bring this matter to the Public Safety Committee's attention again.

Councilman Cunningham mentioned that approximately 25-30 feet of Haldeman Street is sinking in the vicinity of the east bound lane between the alley and Front Street. Councilman Derrickson noted that the Public Safety Committee will review this matter at an upcoming meeting.

**Fire, Parking, Library & Homeowners Association (HOA) – Mr. Alyanakian**

Councilman Alyanakian reported that there were 178 emergency medical responses during the month of March, with approximately 70-90 of them located within the Borough. The rest were in Upper Providence Township and Rose Valley Borough.

Councilman Alyanakian reported that there were 38 fire calls during the month of March. Councilman Alyanakian mentioned the Media Fire Company is seeking volunteers. Please contact the firehouse if you are interested.

Councilman Alyanakian announced that May 18 – May 24, 2008 is National Emergency Medical Service Week.

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that the Media Fire Company will host an open house on Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that the Borough is in receipt of a transportation options grant in the amount of \$35,000. A consultant has been hired and is in the process of performing the study, which should be available by the end of the summer. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that he would like the street circulations looked at within this study.

Councilman Alyanakian congratulated Delaware County Council on being the recipient of the Environmental Excellence Award pertaining to their household hazardous waste program. Delaware County Council has also formed an energy task force.

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that a demonstration project regarding anti-idling will be presented to the students at Media Elementary School on Earth Day, April 22, 2008. Councilman Alyanakian noted his belief that educating children on environmental issues is the key to our future.

Councilman Alyanakian thanked the Media Theatre for their involvement in the Friends of the Media Library fundraiser event. They hope to use the proceeds for a gala event in the future.

The Media-Upper Providence Library is sponsoring a book sale on April 19, 20, & 21, 2008.

With response to idling vehicles, Councilman Cunningham inquired if “no turn on red” signs with hours indicated on them are still valid along State Street intersections. It appears to Councilman Cunningham that vehicles are idling when waiting to turn and it is not necessary during slow traffic times.

Councilman Cunningham mentioned blinking lights on State Street overnight. Engineer Walton noted that any modification would need to be accomplished by a permit from PennDOT.

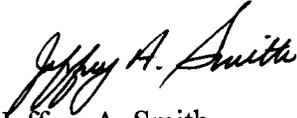
Councilman Alyanakian noted an excessive amount of signs placed in yards lately designed to slow vehicular traffic, make political statements, etc.; which he views as sign pollution.

Councilman Derrickson reminded everyone to stop their vehicles and pull over to the right side of the road when emergency vehicles are trying to respond to a call.

### **Adjournment**

Councilman Cunningham motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned to Executive Session in order to discuss a real estate matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manager/Secretary



## YEAR 2008 ROLL CALL

MOTION: Untable Ordinance No. 1033 - Hotel/Motel Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MEETING: \_\_April 17, 2008 Council Meeting\_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILPERSON	YES	NO
CUNNINGHAM		X
SIMPSON	X	
HALL	X	
WILLIAMSON	X	
DERRICKSON	X	
ALYANAKIAN		X
DALY	X	

**5-2 motion carries**

**\*Council President should be last during roll call.\***



## YEAR 2008 ROLL CALL

**MOTION:** Authorize Solicitor to Draft and Advertise an Ordinance  
Abandoning Worrall Street

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 17, 2008 Council Meeting

COUNCILPERSON	YES	NO
CUNNINGHAM	X	
SIMPSON	X	
HALL		X
WILLIAMSON	X	
DERRICKSON	X	
ALYANAKIAN		ABSTAIN
DALY		X

**4-2 motion carries**

**\*Council President should be last during roll call.\***



## YEAR 2008 ROLL CALL

MOTION: Resolution #2008-03 - \$8,000 for CDBG Funds \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MEETING: \_\_ April 17, 2008 Council Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCILPERSON	YES	NO
CUNNINGHAM		X
SIMPSON	X	
HALL	X	
WILLIAMSON		X
DERRICKSON	X	
ALYANAKIAN	X	
DALY	X	

5-2 motion carries

\*Council President should be last during roll call.\*



MEDIA BOROUGH COUNCIL  
ABSTAIN FROM VOTE

COUNCIL MEMBER: Pete Algranici

DATE OF MEETING: April 17, 2008

MOTION ON THE TABLE (Please describe): Abandon Wavell ST

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REASON FOR ABSTAINING: Tenant of Applicant

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SIGNATURE: [Signature]  
Council Member

SIGNATURE: [Signature]  
Borough Manager